

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A method of direct memory access control, comprising:
receiving a command to initiate data transfer between a first device and a second device;
responsive to the command received, determining a channel capable of facilitating the
data transfer;
determining a mode indicating a manner in which to activate the channel;
responsive to the data transfer comprising data transfer of a plurality of data segments,
determining a segment count indicator and a segment spacing indicator from
operational characteristics associated with the data transfer; and
enabling the data transfer to be performed using the channel and based on the mode
determined.
2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the one of the first device
and the second device comprises a memory device.
3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a signal indicating a last transfer associated with the data transfer; and
in response, transmitting a signal acknowledging completion of the data transfer.
4. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein determining a mode
indicating a manner in which to activate the channel comprises:
selecting the mode from one of a group of operation modes comprising a fixed length
single burst mode, a chaining mode, an auto-rollback mode, virtual channel mode,
and a multiple-segment mode.
5. (Original) The method according to Claim 1; wherein determining a mode
indicating a manner in which to activate the channel comprises:
selecting the mode from one of a group of access modes comprising READ and WRITE
modes.
6. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

determining a base address representing a starting address of the data transfer.

7. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, further comprising:
selecting a starting address of a subsequent data transfer to be the base address.

8. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, further comprising:
selecting a starting address of a subsequent data transfer to be an address that is
continuous with an ending address of a previous data transfer.

9. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, further comprising:
determining an ending address contiguous to the starting address; and
automatically rolling the ending address to the starting address when the data transfer
exceeds the ending address.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:
determining a base address representing a starting address of a first data segment;
selecting a starting address of a subsequent data segment to be an address determined
from the base address offset based on the segment count indicator and the segment
spacing indicator.

12 (Previously presented) A method of selectably enabling a plurality of data transfer
modes along one or more channels, comprising:

loading predetermined configuration data from an external device, the predetermined
configuration data including the plurality of data transfer modes and the channels
facilitating the data transfer, the plurality of data transfer modes including a
multiple-segment mode for transferring a plurality of data segments;
receiving a command to initiate the data transfer between a source device and a
destination device;
responsive to the command received, selecting a corresponding channel from the
channels and a corresponding mode from the plurality of data transfer modes;

responsive to the selected data transfer mode being the multiple-segment mode,
determining a segment count indicator and a segment spacing indicator from
operational characteristics associated with the data transfer; and
enabling data transfer between the source device and the destination device based on the
corresponding channel and the corresponding mode.

13. (Original) The method according to Claim 12, wherein selecting a corresponding mode from the plurality of data transfer modes comprises:

selecting the corresponding mode to be one from a group of operation modes comprising
a fixed length single burst mode, a chaining mode, an auto-rollback mode, virtual
channel mode, and a multiple-segment mode.

14. (Original) The method according to Claim 12, wherein selecting a corresponding mode from the plurality of data transfer modes comprises:

selecting the corresponding mode to be one from a group of access modes comprising
READ and WRITE modes.

15. (Original) The method according to Claim 12, wherein one of the source device
and the destination device comprises a memory device.

16. (Original) The method according to Claim 12, wherein enabling data transfer
between the source device and the destination device based on the corresponding channel and the
corresponding mode comprises:

enabling the source device to read data from the destination device.

17. (Original) The method according to Claim 12, wherein enabling data transfer
between the source device and the destination device based on the corresponding channel and the
corresponding mode comprises:

enabling the source device to write data to the destination device.

18. (Previously presented) A method of controlling data transfer between a first
device and a second device, comprising:

receiving a command to initiate the data transfer;
extracting configuration data from the command to load a configuration engine and to
index operational characteristics associated with the data transfer, the
configuration engine being capable of storing the operational characteristics;
selecting from the operational characteristics a channel facilitating the data transfer
between the first device and the second device, and an operation mode associated
with the data transfer;
responsive to the data transfer comprising data transfer of a plurality of data segments,
determining a segment count indicator and a segment spacing indicator from the
operational characteristics;
receiving at least one signal indicating that the data transfer is ready to be undertaken; and
enabling activation of the channel; and
enabling the data transfer using the operation mode selected.

19. (Original) The method according to Claim 18, further comprising:
receiving a signal indicating a last transfer associated with the data transfer; and
in response, transmitting a signal acknowledging completion of the data transfer.

20. (Original) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the second device is
memory device.

21. (Original) The method according to Claim 20, wherein receiving at least one
signal indicating that the data transfer is ready to be undertaken comprises:

receiving a request from the first device to READ data from the memory device.

22. (Original) The method according to Claim 20, wherein receiving at least one
signal indicating that the data transfer is ready to be undertaken comprises:

receiving a request from the first device to WRITE data to the memory device.

23. (Original) The method according to Claim 18, further comprising:
determining a base address representing a starting address of the data transfer.

24. (Original) The method according to Claim 23, wherein enabling the data transfer using the operation mode selected comprises:

selecting a starting address of a subsequent data transfer to be the base address.

25. (Original) The method according to Claim 23, wherein enabling the data transfer using the operation mode selected comprises:

selecting a starting address of a subsequent data transfer to be an address that is continuous with an ending address of a previous data transfer.

26. (Original) The method according to Claim 23, wherein enabling the data transfer using the operation mode selected comprises:

determining an ending address contiguous to the starting address; and automatically rolling the ending address to the starting address when the data transfer exceeds the ending address.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 18, wherein enabling the data transfer using the operation mode selected comprises:

determining a base address representing a starting address of a first data segment; selecting a starting address of a subsequent data segment to be an address determined from the base address offset based on the segment count indicator and the segment spacing indicator.

29. (Original) The method according to Claim 18, wherein receiving at least one signal indicating that the data transfer is ready to be undertaken comprises:

receiving a request from the first device to READ data from the second device; and receiving a request from the second device to WRITE data to the first device.

30. (Original) The method according to Claim 29, wherein the operation mode comprises a virtual channel data transfer mode, and wherein enabling the data transfer using the operation mode selected comprises:

sending an acknowledge signal to each of the first device and the second device; and enabling the data transfer to be performed directly between the first device and the second device.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously presented) A computer program product for controlling data transfer between a first device and a second device, the computer program product stored on a computer readable medium, and adapted to perform operations of:

allowing receipt of a command to initiate the data transfer;

allowing configuration data to be extracted from the command to load a configuration engine and to index operational characteristics associated with the data transfer, the configuration engine being capable of storing the operational characteristics;

enabling selection from the operational characteristics of a channel facilitating the data transfer between the first device and the second device, and an operation mode associated with the data transfer;

responsive to the data transfer comprising data transfer of a plurality of data segments, determining a segment count indicator and a segment spacing indicator from the operational characteristics;

allowing receipt of at least one signal indicating that the data transfer is ready to be undertaken;

enabling activation of the channel; and

enabling the data transfer using the operation mode selected.

36. (Previously presented) A computer program product for selectably enabling a plurality of data transfer modes along one or more channels, the computer program product stored on a computer readable medium, and adapted to perform operations of:

allowing predetermined configuration data to be loaded from an external device, the predetermined configuration data including the plurality of data transfer modes and the channels facilitating the data transfer, the plurality of data transfer modes including a multiple-segment mode for transferring a plurality of data segments; enabling receipt of a command to initiate the data transfer between a source device and a destination device;

responsive to the command received, enabling selection of a corresponding channel from the channels and a corresponding mode from the plurality of data transfer modes;

responsive to the selected data transfer mode being the multiple-segment mode, determining a segment count indicator and a segment spacing indicator from operational characteristics associated with the data transfer; and

enabling data transfer between the source device and the destination device based on the corresponding channel and the corresponding mode.

37. (Previously presented) A computer program product for direct memory access control, the computer program product stored on a computer readable medium, and adapted to perform operations of:

allowing receipt of a command to initiate data transfer between a first device and a second device;

responsive to the command received, enabling determination to be made of a channel capable of facilitating the data transfer;

enabling determination of a mode indicating a manner in which to activate the channel;

responsive to the data transfer comprising data transfer of a plurality of data segments, determining a segment count indicator and a segment spacing indicator from operational characteristics associated with the data transfer; and

enabling the data transfer to be performed using the channel and based on the mode determined.

38. (Previously presented) A method of controlling data transfer between a first device and a second device, comprising:

allowing receipt of a command to initiate the data transfer;

enabling configuration data to be extracted from the command to load a configuration engine and to index operational characteristics associated with the data transfer, the configuration engine being capable of storing the operational characteristics; allowing a channel to be selected from the operational characteristics, the channel facilitating the data transfer between the first device and the second device, and an operation mode associated with the data transfer; responsive to the data transfer comprising data transfer of a plurality of data segments, determining a segment count indicator and a segment spacing indicator from the operational characteristics; allowing receipt of at least one signal indicating that the data transfer is ready to be undertaken; enabling activation of the channel; and enabling the data transfer using the operation mode selected.

39. (Original) The method according to Claim 38, further comprising:
allowing receipt of a signal indicating a last transfer associated with the data transfer; and
in response, enabling transmission of a signal acknowledging completion of the data transfer.

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